

### DEVoured BY FIRE.

### Destruction at Syracuse, N. Y.

**SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 19.**—The most destructive fire that has ever visited this city is now raging here. Almost the entire square which was the site of the famous Wiiting Opera House has been destroyed, and the fire is not yet spent although it is hoped that the firemen have it so fairly under their control that they can prevent a further spread. The opera house is in ruins. Telegraphic communication is almost entirely cut off for the present.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 19.—At 2 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the rear of Everson, Frizzell & Co.'s hardware store, in the Wieting block, one of the most prominent structures in the city, and containing the Wieting Opera-house. From the best information it is believed the fire started in Roy's Turkish bath-room, on the second floor back, and then fell in on Everson & Co.'s, where it was discovered. The whole

The block was destroyed, and very little of its contents was saved. At 4:30 very little was left so rapidly did the flames do their worst. R. A. Bonta, cashier of the New York State Banking Company, saved his currency and his books, and began his business at 10 o'clock this morning in the Onondaga County Bank building. No other firm or company carried on in this building has been able to resume. The losses are set down as follows: Dr. Wieting on the building, including the

Opera house, \$125,000; insurance, \$80,000; New York State Banking Company, \$1,000; no insurance. C. J. Powers, druggist, \$32,000; insurance, \$85,000. Lester Bros., music and jewelry, \$20,000; insurance not known. G. W. Ingalls & Co., books and shoes; \$17,000; insurance, \$25,000; considerable stock saved. Rosenbloom & Sons, boots and shoes, \$30,000; insurance, \$22,100. Chas. Tompkins, billiards \$3,000; insurance, \$2,000.

Charles Shattuck, saloon, \$5,500; insurance, \$2,500. Jacob Gelfer, barber, \$800; insurance, \$400. Dr. Barnes, dentist, \$1,000; insurance, not known. Banning & Co., stencil plates, \$1,500; insurance, \$400. Frazee, photographer, \$5,000; insurance, not known. R. G. Dunn & Co., agency, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,500. John Leuehan, saloon, \$1,000; no insurance. Delta Kappa Epsilon Society, \$2,500; insured for \$500. M. and D. King,

Patrick, salt office, \$600; one office and furniture insured for \$400. M. W. Hackett, insurance agent, \$600; no furniture, insured for \$200. Fred. Roy, bathroom, \$400; no insurance. J. S. Leach, lawyer; loss not known. E. L. Walroth, gold pens, \$2,000; insurance, \$2000. S. P. Pierce & Co., damage, \$30,000; fully insured. E. B. Croft & Co., \$8,000; insurance, \$6,000. Everson Freselle & Co., \$50,000; no

sure, \$40,000. Giles Everson, \$10,000 of private papers, and on the building, \$20,000. J. D. Ackerman & Bro., \$3,500; fully insured.

**Loussen at East Saginaw.**

EAST SAGINAW, MICH., July 19.—A fire last night destroyed all the station buildings of the Chicago, Saginaw & Canada Railroad several dwelling houses in the western part of the town, one million and a-half feet of lumber and seven million shingles exposed.

**NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.**  
**The Bill to Fill Congressional Vacancies--Proposition to Adjourn on Friday.**

ALBANY, N. Y., July 19.—Upon the re-assembling of the Senate an effort was made to pass the bill providing for a special election to fill Congressional vacancies. The bill was finally referred back to the committee for correction.

In the Assembly the original motion for adjournment on Thursday was defeated and another introduced to adjourn on Friday which went over under the rules until to

FROM ALBANY.

**One Ballot To-day and No Election**

ALBANY, N. Y., July 19.—There was but one ballot in the joint convention to-day and no change from yesterday except that by the absence of a Stalwart. The Half-breeds' candidate, Lapham, came near being elected. The ballot was as follows:

Total number of votes, 142; necessary to choice, 72. Lapham, 68; Potter, 45; Conkling, 28; Woodford, 1. The convention adjourned till to-morrow.

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### AROUND THE TRACK.

**The Event at Saratoga To-day.**

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 19.—There are four events on to-day's programme. The first was won for the Alabama stakes by

The second race was for the Flash stake for two-year-olds, distance half a mile, and was won by Memento, with Flight second.

The third race, a handicap, for all ages for a purse of \$500, distance one mile and a-quarter, was won by Sir Hugh, with Greenland second, and Granger third. Time, 2:08 1/2. In the pools G. L. Lorillard entries, Sir Hugh and Greenland, were the favorites, selling at \$800.

**MINNESOTA CYCLONE.**  
**Terrible Loss of Life and Property**  
**at New Ulm.**  
NEW ULM, MINN., July 19.—A careful estimate of the damage done to the city by the cyclone places the number of buildings destroyed at 350, and the money loss at \$500,000. Eleven persons are known to have been killed and eighteen wounded some fatally.

**Telephone Troubles in Chicago.**  
CHICAGO, July 19.—All the prominent druggists and physicians are taking steps to organize a telephone exchange for the exclusive use of those in their profession. They claim that this is necessary on account of the excessive charges and poor service rendered by the telephone companies now operating in the city.

**Cutting East-Bound Passenger Rate**  
CINCINNATI, O., July 19.—The war railroad passenger rates is continued with no prospect of an end very soon. It is reported that the cutting, which was at first on West-bound rates, has reached the East-bound rates also, and round-trip tickets are being sold for one fare.

MONTREAL, CANADA, July 19.—Private dispatches from Newfoundland say that more codfish have been taken up to this date for the season along the shore than in any similar period during the last quarter of a century.

—The First Auditor of the Treasury requests to be informed of the number of private buildings used by the District during the last fiscal year, the rent paid for

the same, their location and all other information concerning them.